

# WRECK OF BIG SHELL FACTORY WORK OF FIEND

OFFICIALS OF COMPANY THINK  
PERPETRATOR LOST HIS LIFE  
ALONG WITH MORE THAN 10  
OTHERS WHO WERE KILLED.

## MANY SUSPECTS ARRESTED

**Late Investigations Show 116 Known Dead in Chester Factory Explosion**  
**Real Culprit Not Found, But Many Suspects are Being Detained**

**CHESTER, Pa., April 11.**—A statement by a high official of the Edystone Ammunition Corporation placed the blame for yesterday's explosion on a disloyal employee who is believed to have sacrificed his life along with the 116 known dead, mostly girls and women.

This amazing development late today had the effect of spurring on investigations of the catastrophe which already were under way. Numerous suspects had been rounded up in nearby places and in each instance the prisoner was placed in the custody of federal authorities. Arrests so far, however, apparently have not furnished any tangible clue to the perpetrator of the alleged plot.

The company said the tragedy was the "result of a diabolical plot conceived in the degenerated brain of a demon in human guise" and that the triple explosion was due to a bomb manufactured by one of the company's employees.

**BREAK WITH GERMAN**  
RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, April 1.—As much as it became known today that the Brazilian cabinet had agreed to sever relations with Germany, great crowds ran through the streets shouting and celebrating with the women.

A special messenger visited the German colony to present the German minister with his passports. The minister was also informed that Heald had placed a steamer at his disposal.

The Brazilian charge de affaires Herlin was today ordered to return home. Switzerland will take over Herlin's interest in Germany.

**HOOVER FOR FOOD BOARD**

**Gold for Carrancistas  
Formerly Deposited in  
Corpus Goes to Juarez**

This money was recently brought from Corpus Christi by two Mexican men, who were taken to the federal penitentiary at El Paso.

**WAR SUMMARY**  
(By Associated Press)

◆ Arise the British were repulsed  
◆ with heavy casualties. London

◆ the British forces entered the  
◆ German positions, but were lat-  
◆ er driven out by superior forces.  
◆ Berlin claims that 1995 British  
◆ were taken prisoner there.

- ✦ Elsewhere on the western front
- ✦ violent artillery duels are in

◆ The American flag will fly immediately over the front of France. The Lafayette corps is composed largely of American airmen who will adopt the American uniform and carry the Stars and Stripes.